

Caller Questions from February 25, 2021

- 1. Anthony from Pawtucket: Asked about the Cross Street Bridge connecting Pawtucket and Central Falls over the Blackstone River, noting that the pavement appears to be pulling away on either side and the bridge and the road between it and Roosevelt Avenue is filled with ruts.**

The Cross Street Bridge is not scheduled for repair anytime soon, but rest assured, the bridge is safe and in fair condition. There is some preservation work that we can do to it now to prolong its life which would address Anthony's concerns. We're looking to get that work done as soon as we can.

As far as the condition of Cross Street, it is maintained by the cities of Pawtucket and Central Falls. Pawtucket last resurfaced their portion of Cross Street in 2017. Central Falls plans to pave their portion later this year/early next year after National Grid is done with their ongoing work in the area.

- 2. Rich from Bristol: Asked if we can clean off the graffiti from the retaining wall near the Saints Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church in Providence, across from the State Offices exit on I-95.**

As I mentioned on the show, we've been working with law enforcement to cut off the problem at its source to identify and prosecute the people doing this. It can be tough to do this in the middle of winter, but fortunately Mother Nature provided some warm days last Friday and we took care of it.

- 3. Brian from Cumberland: Reported issues with pavement and sidewalks on Route 123 close to the state line, especially after recent work on a water line there.**

CB Utility (working for the Pawtucket Water Supply Board) has a utility permit for water line work and will be out there this spring to begin the work to restore the areas of pavement that have been disturbed as part of this project.

The overall condition of the road and sidewalks is not unlike other roads we have in the State that also need reconstruction. As we work to reevaluate the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), we will consider the condition of Route 123 at this location as it relates to other roads in the State.

- 4. Kristina from Rumford: Works in a medical building on Collyer Street in Providence is in very poor condition and needs to be fixed.**

Since the road is maintained by the City of Providence, we contacted them on Kristina's behalf. They plan to repair the retaining wall on the upper and middle portion of Collyer Street, before it enters the shopping plaza. As part of this repair, they will also resurface the road in late 2021/spring 2022.

- 5. Mary from Coventry: Said she has had a problem with cars crashing onto her property on Fairview Avenue in Coventry, which is on a curve. She asked if a nearby guardrail could be extended a bit to keep cars from entering her property.**

We hear Mary's concerns and plan to add additional guardrail here this spring.

- 6. Norman from Cumberland: Said Route 114 from the police station to the new post office in Cumberland was resurfaced back in 2009 but now is all bumpy after recent water line work. When will it be repaved?**

This is a perfect example of how government should work. We coordinated with the Town of Cumberland's utility company prior to us doing any work. Their recent water line work and pavement reconstruction will resume in the spring, with our resurfacing of Route 114, from Bear Hill Road to Hines Road, to follow this summer.

Caller Questions from Previous Shows

- 1. Gary from Warwick: Said the traffic signal on Main Avenue at Sharon Street in Warwick isn't working properly**

The City of Warwick's electrical contractor restored the loops at this traffic signal last week. Our electricians confirmed that it is back to normal operation.

- 2. Alex from Warwick: Requested additional signage restricting tractor trailer access in the high-speed lane on I-95, from Thurbers Avenue in Providence to Route 117 in Warwick**

Our Traffic engineers took a look at this corridor and we plan to attach additional signs to existing bridge piers this spring.

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